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DAREDEVIL

TREE OF KNOWLEDGE



I'M JENN DAGMAR,
YOU'RE WATCHING FISK
ENTERTAINMENT TELE-
VISION NEWS! NEW YORK,
CITY UNDER SIEGE!

WE TAKE YOU TO
THE WAR ROOM, WITH
CORRESPONDENT
ROBERT DENNEHY!

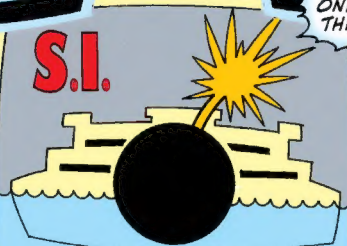
NEW YORKERS ARE
USED TO ASKING
THEMSELVES THE
QUESTION, "CAN IT
GET ANY WORSE?"

WFET



IN THEIR WORST
NIGHTMARES, NO
ONE EXPECTED
THESE ANSWERS!

S.I.



BOMBING

THE EXPLOSION
ABOARD THE STATEN
ISLAND FERRY! 50
DEAD IN THE RIVER'S
ICY WATER, COUNT-
LESS WOUNDED!

SNIPERS AT THE
EMPIRE STATE BUILDING!
BODIES IN THE STREET,
BLOOD POURING FROM
THE OBSERVATION
DECK!

EMPIRE

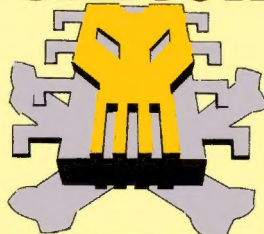


CLAIMING
RESPONSIBILITY
--THE SILICON
PIRATES!

INFORMATIONAL
TERRORISTS,
DEMANDING
ACCESS TO THE
INFO HIGHWAY
BE FREE--

--AND NOT
LIMITED ONLY TO
THOSE RICH
ENOUGH TO
AFFORD THE
HARDWARE!

SILICON



PIRATES

THIS IS WHERE IT'S
BEGUN, FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBORS. GOD OR
THE DEVIL KNOWS WHERE
IT ENDS.

ASTORIA, QUEENS. CYPHER-SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT. A SUBSIDIARY OF THE RAND-MEACHUM CORPORATION.

I'M ROBERT DENNEHY IN THE WAR ROOM, WFET NEWS!

CYPHER-SYSTEMS DESIGNS SECURITY PROGRAMS-- SOFTWARE FOR KEEPING SECRETS.

HIGH UP THE CORPORATE LADDER, RAND-MEACHUM HEAD DANIEL RAND HAS A SECRET OF HIS OWN.

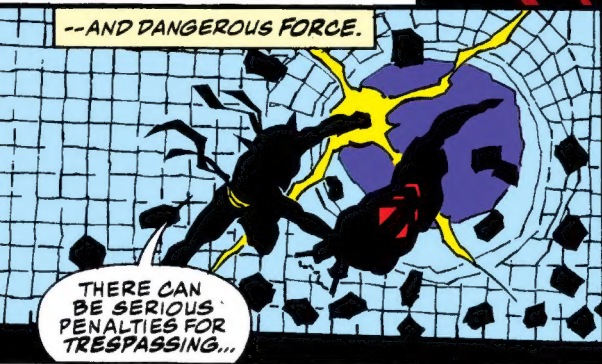
TRAINED IN THE MYTHIC CITY OF K'UN-L'UN, HE BEARS THE MARK OF THE DRAGON SHOU-LAO.

A BRAND THAT HAS EARNED HIM THE TITLE AND POWER OF IRON FIST.

SILENT ALARMS ALERTED THE WARRIOR TO INTRUDERS IN HIS COMPANY'S FACILITY.

MARTIAL ARTS SKILL LIKE NOTHING ELSE ON THE PLANET ENABLE HIM TO REACT WITH FURIOUS SPEED--

KRUM!





...COME JOIN THE FUN!

GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK, DAREDEVIL!

TREE OF KNOWLEDGE part 3
THE CHERNOBYL PACKET

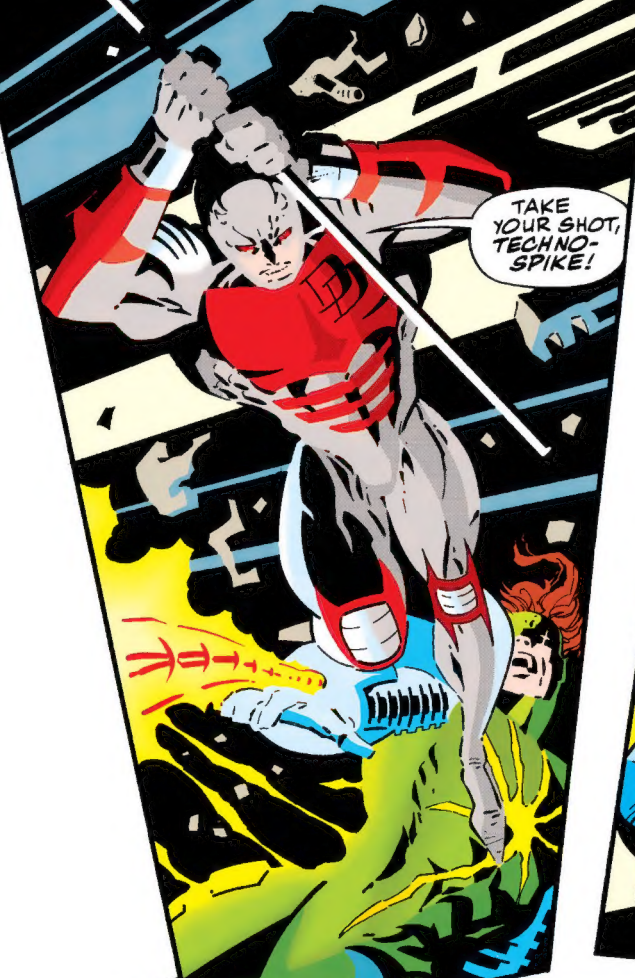
"Hackers . . . say 'information is power.' We say 'power is power.' I want information . . . but I want it to lead to something. I want to break things—I want to build my things."
—"St. Vitus"
self-proclaimed cyberpunk,
Utne Reader, July/August 1993



OH, YEAH... I DIDN'T WANT STEEL COLLAR TO HAVE ALL THE FUN POUNDING SOME WHITE HAT!

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TAKE
YOUR SHOT,
TECHNO-
SPIKE!



WHATSAMATTER,
HORNHEAD?
DON'TCHA GETTA
CHARGE OUTTA MY
PERSONALITY? GET
IT? CHARGE!

I GOT
IT. YOUR
SENSE OF
HUMOR'S JUST
ONE MORE
REASON TO
PUT YOU
DOWN.



DAREDEVIL RECALLS
WHAT'S BROUGHT HIM
AND CAPTAIN AMERICA
TOGETHER.

A ROAD BEGINNING WITH
MUTUAL SUSPICION AND
TWO COMPUTER CRACKERS
NAMED KNOWBOT AND
SINCLAIR SPECTRUM.

A DEADLY PATH PLAGUED
WITH INTRIGUES LIKE
THE TEAM CALLING ITSELF
SYSTEM CRASH.

ALL I'VE
GOT TO DO IS
CONNECT ONE
TIME...

TWKAAM!

I HOPE
THAT'S NOT
SOMETHING
YOU'VE GOT
YOUR HEART
SET ON.

THE SERUM THAT GAVE THE
SOLDIER HIS PHYSIQUE IS
NOW A POISON INSIDE.

FINDING THE OPENING
IN THE METAL SHELL IS
A MIX OF PRECISION
AND AGONY.

K
R
N
K

ARGH!

CARE TO
HELP OUT HERE,
IRON FIST?

WHERE'S
THAT SPARKLING
PERSONALITY NOW,
TECHNOSPIKE?

YOU'VE
BEGUN THE MOVE,
CAPTAIN... I ONLY
NEED TO SEE THAT
IT CONTINUES!

THE ROBOT'S
OUT OF IT,
INFOMORPH!

DO YOUR THING
BEFORE WE JOIN
HIM ON THE SCRAP
HEAP!

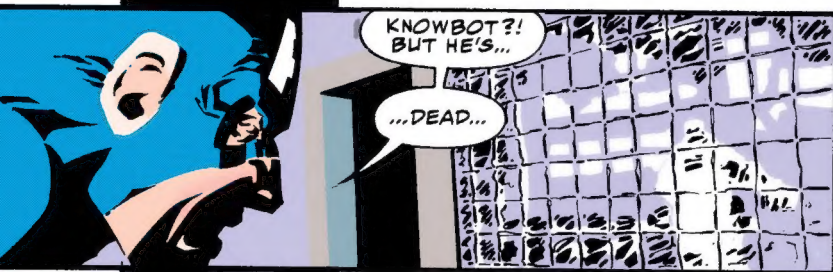
--INFOMORPH'S LIFE ONLY
TAKES ON DEPTH WHEN SHE
MIMICS OTHERS SHE'S MET
AND FILED.

REPLAYING THEIR
ACTIONS FOR THE
BENEFIT OF
SYSTEM CRASH.

CONSIDERED TO AN
ALMOST TWO-
DIMENSIONAL
EXISTENCE--

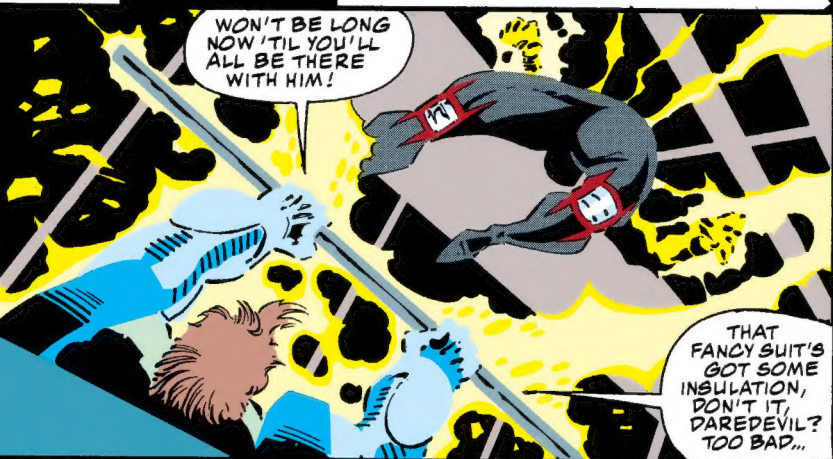
ORGANIC
RAYTRACING ON...
RENDERING
"KNOWBOT"
IMAGE...

FOLLOWING
ANIMATION PATH...
TYPING IN ACCESS
CODES... DOWN-
LOADING HARD
DRIVE...



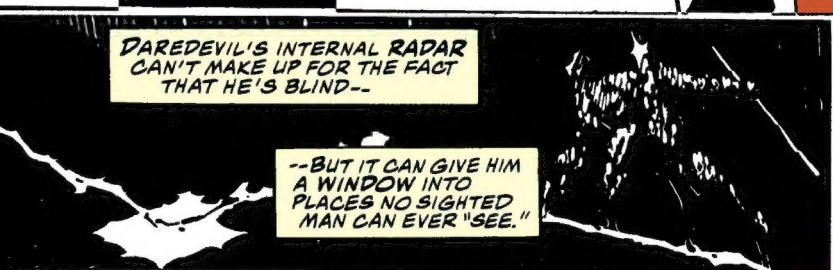
KNOWBOT?!
BUT HE'S...

...DEAD...



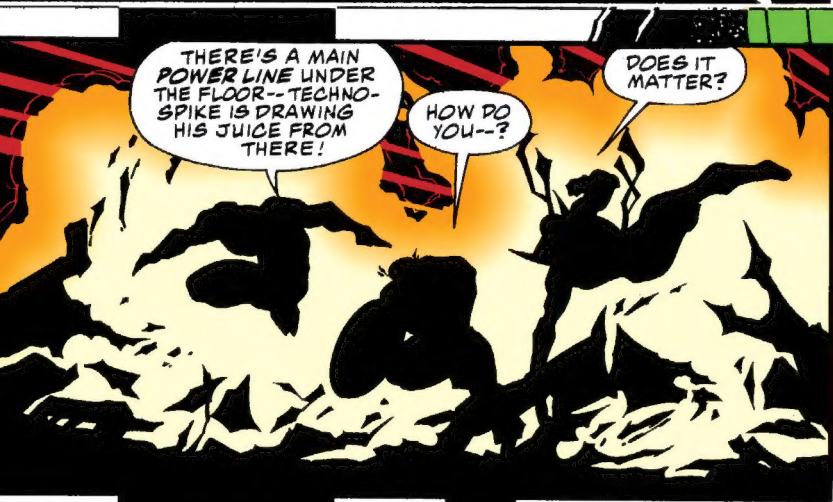
WON'T BE LONG
NOW 'TIL YOU'LL
ALL BE THERE
WITH HIM!

THAT
FANCY SUIT'S
GOT SOME
INSULATION,
DON'T IT,
DAREDEVIL?
TOO BAD...



DAREDEVIL'S INTERNAL RADAR
CAN'T MAKE UP FOR THE FACT
THAT HE'S BLIND--

--BUT IT CAN GIVE HIM
A WINDOW INTO
PLACES NO SIGHTED
MAN CAN EVER "SEE."



THERE'S A MAIN
POWER LINE UNDER
THE FLOOR-- TECHNO-
SPIKE IS DRAWING
HIS JUICE FROM
THERE!

HOW DO
YOU--?

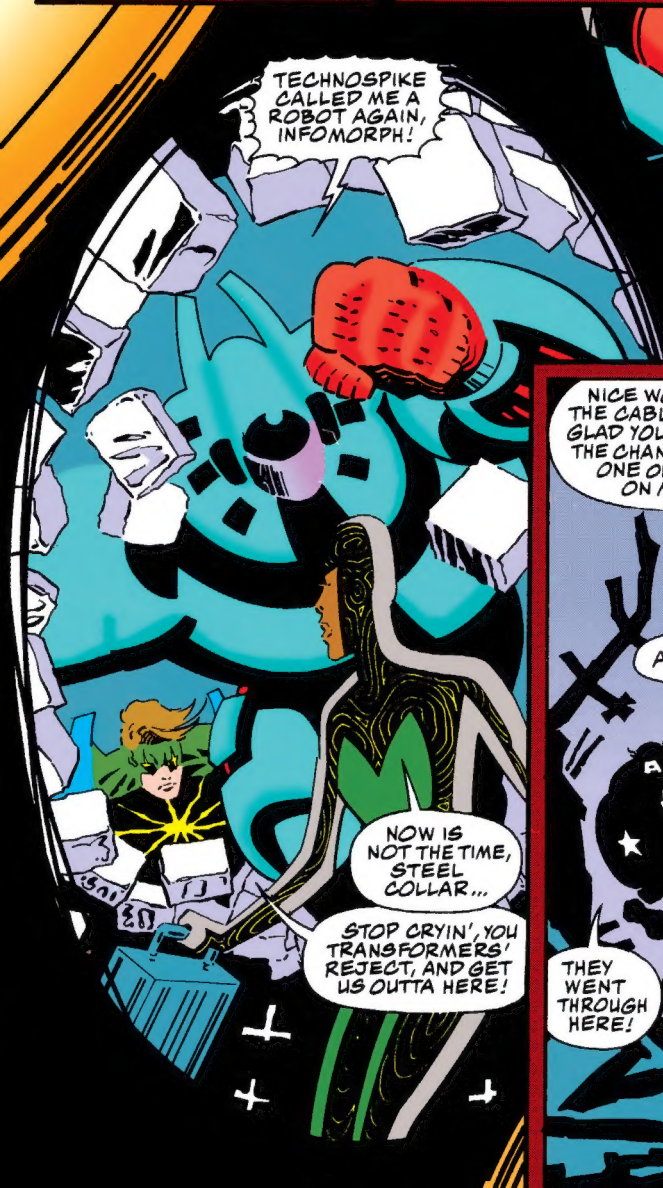
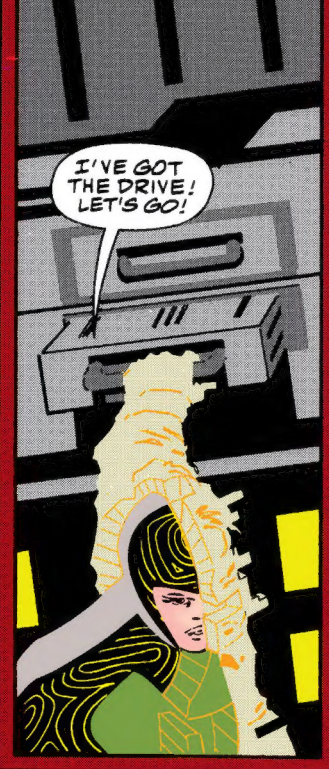
DOES IT
MATTER?



THE TASK
AT HAND IS
NOT ONE OF
EXPLORATION,
BUT OF
ACTION!

IRON FIST
FOCUSES HIS
CHI, CHARGING
HIS BLOW WITH
ALL THE POWER
HE CAN MARSHAL.

AND THESE DAYS,
THAT IS FAR LESS
THAN HIS OUTER
LIMIT... THOUGH
IT SERVES,





-- AND I'M GETTING TIRED OF IT! TIRED AND ANGRY!

IT STARTED WHEN KNOWBOT WAS KILLED, AND IT ONLY GOT WORSE BRINGING YOUR AGENDA INTO ALL THIS, DAREDEVIL!

KNOWBOT HACKS U.S. COMPUTERS... YOU THINK IT'S TIED TO TERRORISM... SYSTEM CRASH STEALS CORPSES AND HARD DRIVES!



ALL IT ADDS UP TO IS ANARCHY! ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?

FRANKLY CAPTAIN? NO...

HE'S LISTENING TO A DISTANT MECHANICAL THUMMING, PAST THE POINT OF ORDINARY HUMAN HEARING.



DAREDEVIL FEELS WITH HYPERSENSSES THAT REPLACED THE SIGHT HE LOST AS A BOY.

RESIDUAL ELECTRIC CHARGES PULSE ACROSS HIS SKIN, PAINTING A FADING MENTAL PICTURE.



UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT... RIGGED TO PUT OUT SOME KIND OF MAGNETIC FIELD. "CLOAKING," MAYBE...

MORE GUESSWORK, VIGILANTE! I FOLLOWED YOUR LEAD HERE TO SEE IF KNOWBOT'S DAYJOB MIGHT PROVIDE CLUES...

... AND I'VE GOT NOTHING TO SHOW FOR ANY OF IT!

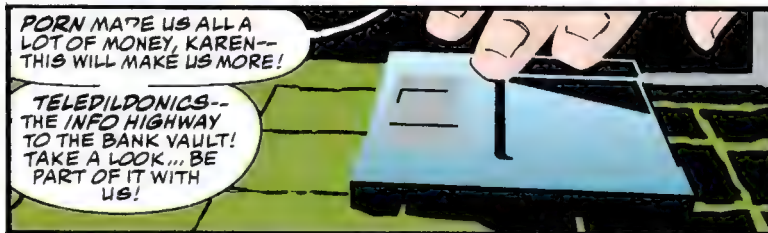
HUNTING FOR ANSWERS IS A RISK, SOLDIER, NOT A GUARANTEE. I KNOW THAT'S NO SATISFACTION...

MAYBE I'LL SETTLE FOR WHO YOU ARE! THE MAN I KNEW WAS DAREDEVIL IS BURIED!

I COULD TAKE THAT MASK AWAY FROM YOU...



YOU COULD TRY...



SINCLAIR SPECTRUM'S
LOFT, BROOME STREET.

HAVE YOU EVER
OPENED YOUR FRONT
DOOR WITH JUST
YOUR VOICE? YOU
WILL.

EVER BEEN
LOCKED OUTTA YOUR
APARTMENT 'CAUSE
YOU HAD LARYNGITIS?
YOU WILL!

HAVE YOU EVER
TUCKED YOUR BABY
IN FROM A PHONE
BOOTH? YOU WILL.

EVER BEEN
BROUGHT UP
ON CHARGES
OF PARENTAL
NEGLECT?
YOU WILL!

GO BACK
TO 'MAGNUM,
P.I., TOM!

YOU
GOT MORE THAN
COMMERCIALS TO
WHINE ABOUT,
SPECTRUM...

WHY
PROSECUTOR
MALPER...

...ARE YOU
AND YOUR GESTAPO
STILL HERE?

ALL NIGHT
LISTENING TO YOUR
LIP ISN'T MY IDEA OF
A GOOD TIME, KID!

MAYBE SHE'LL
SHUT UP WHEN SHE'S
HIT WITH THE EVIDENCE
WE'LL PULL OUT OF HER
COMPUTERS!

OH, AND
HAVING COSTUMED
STORMTROOPERS
LIKE DAREDEVIL AND
CAPTAIN AMERICA PASS
ME ON TO YOU WAS
MY DREAM DATE!

DON'T GET
COCKY, G-MAN!

WHAT?!

SHE'S GOT
COPPER WIRE
FRAMING THE DOOR,
MS. MALPER!

THE COIL'S
SET UP A LOW
GRADE MAGNETIC
FIELD... ENOUGH
TO WIPE THESE
HARD DRIVES
CLEAN!

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
WOULDN'T YOU RATHER
THIS CIRCUIT BOARD
TALENT TAKE YOU SOME-
WHERE POSITIVE?

LIKE THE
SHINING STAR
OF THE "INFO
HIGHWAY"?
WANNA KNOW
WHERE THAT
LEADS?

"TRY THIS BACK ROAD..."

"ENGELBART FALLS,
MONTANA, RIGHT?"

"COUPLE A' 'DELIVERANCE'
REJECTS WITH BADGES
GO AFTER A DRIFTER."

"PROTECT AND
SERVE. ALL THAT
GOOD STUFF."

"ANYWAY, THE BARNEY
FIFE TWINS WOULDN'T
KNOW A GIGABYTE
FROM A GAMEBOY

"--SO THEY HAD NO
IDEA THEY'D JUST
TRASHED A PORTABLE
BBS... AN ELECTRONIC
BULLETIN BOARD
SYSTEM!"

"WHILE THEY
PERFORMED THEIR
CIVIC DUTY..."

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LOG OFF.....

"...THIS BBS DIED A
SILICON CHIP DEATH."

"BUT THIS BBS WASN'T SOME
RUN OF THE MILL 'COMPUSERVE'
OR 'AMERICAN ON-LINE'--

"--THIS WAS A VERY
EXCLUSIVE CYBERSPACE
MEETING PLACE!

"BIG NAME ROCK STARS...
POWERHOUSE JUDGES AND
BUSINESSMEN... MILITARY
BRASS... ALL LOGGED ON
AND TRADED MESSAGES!



"TO THEM, IT WAS A
VIRTUAL COMMUNITY.
A HOME AWAY FROM HOME...

"THAT ENGELBART FALLS HAD
BURNED TO THE GROUND.

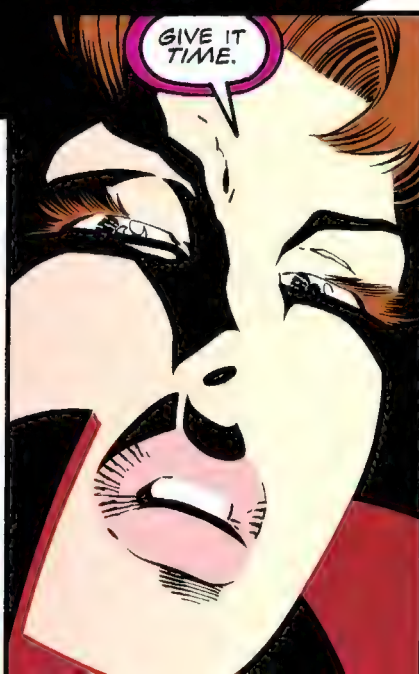
"THE ELECTRONIC
BROTHERHOOD
DECIDED TO
RETURN THE FAVOR.

"THEY USED THEIR CLOUT
TO HIT THE TOWN WITH
LAWSUITS... HARASSMENT...
WHATEVER IT TOOK THAT
MONEY AND POWER COULD
BUY."



EIGHT MONTHS LATER,
ENGELBART FALLS ISN'T
EVEN A DIRT PATH ALONG
THE SIDE OF THE DIGITAL
SUPERHIGHWAY--

THAT--
THAT STORY'S
NOT TRUE.



GIVE IT
TIME.

CYBER-SYSTEMS,
QUEENS...

DAREDEVIL'S RADAR
STROBES THE TINY
IMAGE.

FINGERS TRACE
THE FIBROUS
PATTERN IN
THE LEAF.

IT'S NOT
MUCH...

CERTAINLY
NOT FOR SEARCH-
ING SO MANY
HOURS? BUT A
LONG JOURNEY...

BEGINS WITH
A SIMPLE PLAN.
THANK YOU,
GRASSHOPPER, I
USED TO TUNE IN-
TO 'KUNG FU,' TOO!

I'M SORRY
...IT'S BEEN A
LONG NIGHT!
THANKS FOR
STICKING AROUND...

I HAVE...
COMMITMENTS...
TO THE OWNER.
I'VE PROMISED I'LL
REMAIN UNTIL THE
CLEAN UP ARRIVES...

ENHANCED SENSES
MAP THE ROOM
TARGETING THE
OUT-OF-PLACE...

...SETTLING ON
A FRAGRANT
ODDITY ON THE
MACHINED
LANDSCAPE.

THESE ARE NOT
NATIVE NEW YORKERS...

...THEY'RE
TUMERIC-- CURCUMA
LOUGA-- AN ASIAN
HERB.

SYSTEM
CRASH COULD
HAVE BROUGHT
THEM IN. BUT
HOW DOES THAT
HELP?

YOU
SURE?

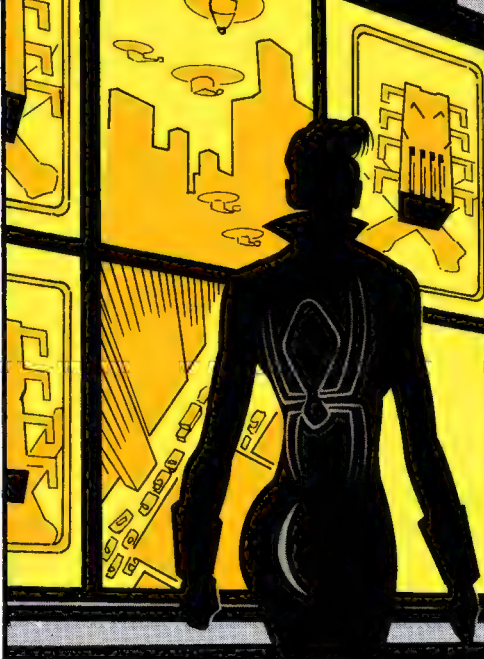
I'VE
DONE SOME
TRAVELLING
IN THAT
REGION.

MAYBE
BY TRACING
THE TREE
BACK ALONG
ITS ROOTS...

AVENGERS MANSION...

BASE OF OPERATIONS TO EARTH'S MIGHTIEST CHAMPIONS.

S.H.I.E.L.D.'S CONFIRMED THE EXISTENCE OF A "SILICON PIRATES" ORGANIZATION. NO DETAILS...



... BUT THEY HAVE BEEN THREATENING THIS KIND OF TERRORIST ACTION FOR SOME TIME!

UNTIL THE MATTER IS RESOLVED, WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO JOIN WITH THE FANTASTIC FOUR AND THE MILITARY IN ESTABLISHING CIVIL CONTROL.

IS THAT A EUPHEMISM FOR MARTIAL LAW, BLACK WIDOW?

I DON'T KNOW THAT I CAN SUPPORT THAT ACTION, NATASHA... NOT WITH WHO I AM. NOT WITH WHAT I WEAR.



THERE'S SOMETHING CONVENIENT ABOUT THESE "PIRATES." I'VE LOOKED INTO THIS WITH DAREDEVIL, AND I'M NOT CONVINCED--



"DAREDEVIL"?

MATT MURDOCK WAS DAREDEVIL, CAPTAIN--AND MATT MURDOCK IS DEAD!

MATT MEANT A LOT TO ME, STEVE...

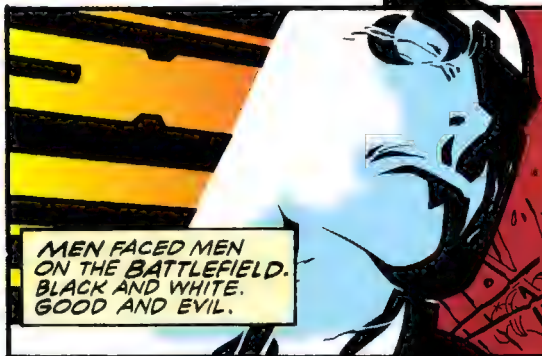


...AND I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU'D TRAFFIC WITH SOME IMPOSTOR WHO'D TAKE HIS GOOD NAME!

I'LL SEE YOU AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE...

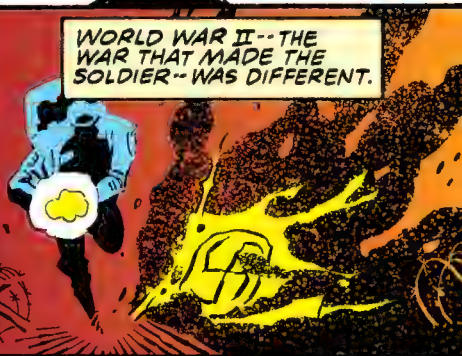


IT'S NOT THAT STRAIGHT-FORWARD, NATASHA... NONE OF THIS IS!



MEN FACED MEN ON THE BATTLEFIELD. BLACK AND WHITE. GOOD AND EVIL.

WORLD WAR II--THE WAR THAT MADE THE SOLDIER--WAS DIFFERENT.



NOW BATTLES HAVE BEGUN TO BE FOUGHT WITH DISEMBOodied SCREENS AND LETHAL KEYBOARDS.

THE WORLD JUST ISN'T AS SIMPLE AS IT USED TO BE.

AND IT'S NOT SAFE TO ASSUME THE ENEMIES ARE, EITHER.



AVENUE C.

THE FAST TALKER LIKES TO
INTRO HIMSELF AS JACK BATLIN--

--AN HOMAGE TO HIS FATHER,
"BATTLING" JACK MURDOCK.

LOOK,
LAMAR, I GOT
PLACES TO HANG
ALL OVER THE
CITY--

BUT WHERE
DO YOU CALL HOME,
JACK? STITHY'S
GOT A PLACE...

EVERYONE AROUND MURDOCK
WAS AT RISK FROM SOME
CRAZY GOING AFTER HIM
'CAUSE HE MIGHT BE DAREDEVIL.

BETTER FOR EVERYONE
IF MATT MURDOCK VAN-
ISHED. BETTER FOR
EVERYONE...

... EXCEPT MAYBE
MATT MURDOCK.

I KNOW
WHAT YOU'RE
THINKING...
QUID
GUGUSTUM!

NOT THE
FIRST THING
THAT CAME
TO MIND...

OKAY YOU
WERE RIGHT
THE FIRST TIME!

"WHAT
A DUMP!"

TWO OF YOU
FINISHED BAD MOUTHIN'?
CLEAR OUT, THEN! THE CITY
JUST CONDEMNED THIS DUMP
--I CAN SAY IT, YOU CAN'T--

--SO I GOTTA
MOVE TO MY OTHER
PLACE! MEANIN' IT'S
OFF THE MARKET,
AND YOU'RE BACK ON
THE STREET,
BATLIN!

BEHIND THE "JACK" FACADE,
HE'S STILL MATT MURDOCK--

--HIDDEN AWAY WHEN WORD
OF HIS DAREDEVIL IDENTITY
BECAME A CITYWIDE TOPIC
OF SPECULATION.

...AND I
OWE YOU FOR
SAVING ME
FROM THAT
RIP-OFF
ARTIST!

STITHY'S
"PLACE"--IT LOOK
LIKE THIS ONE?

MAKE
YOU A TRADE,
STITHY...

...I'LL GET
THE CITY TO HOLD
OFF ON THIS DUMP
--OOPS! SORRY!--AND
YOU GIVE ME A YEAR
OF FREE RENT ON
THE OTHER PLACE!

PLUS
SOME OF YOUR
METAL WORK
...I NEED WORK-
OUT BARS, KEEP
IN SHAPE.



GET THE CITY TO BACK DOWN? WELL, LAMAR SAID YOU WERE SOME KINDA CON MAN...

I LIKE "SOCIAL ENGINEER"!

PULLE! VISHNE FRUSTRUM? "POLLY WANT A CRACKER?" WILD BIRDCAGES, STITHY!

WASTE A' TIME AN' TALENT! LADY I MADE 'EM FOR RUN A BIRD SHOP DOWN BY THE FERRY!



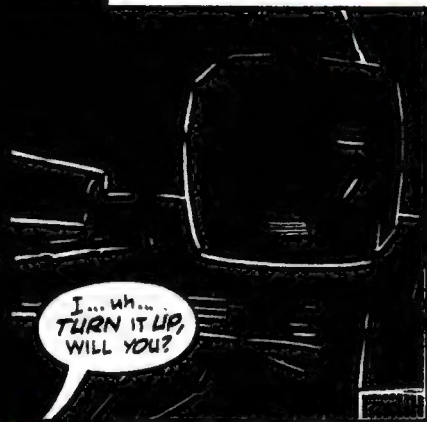
WHEN IT WENT BOOM, SCARED HER BIRDS SO MUCH THEY WON'T EAT, WON'T BREED ... SHE'S OUTTA BUSINESS!



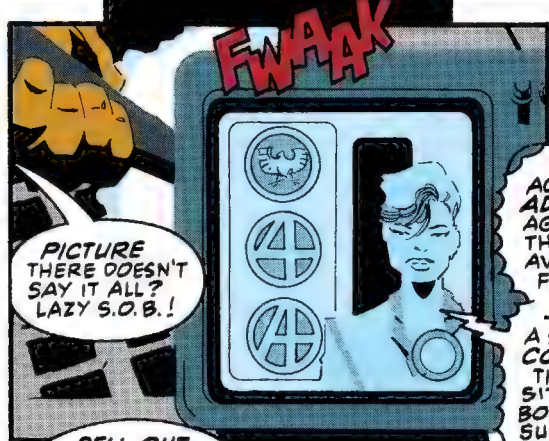
MAYBE I START MAKIN' 'EM FOR UNCLE SAM THOUGH, HUH? PLENTY O' NEED IN THE BIG APPLE, NOW!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SEE FOR YOURSELF...



I... WH... TURN IT UP, WILL YOU?



PICTURE THERE DOESN'T SAY IT ALL? LAZY S.O.B.!

FWAAK

--AS OTHER ACCEPTED COSTUMED ADVENTURERS HAVE AGREED TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE AVENGERS AND THE FANTASTIC FOUR--

--ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF CIVIL CONTROL TO ADDRESS THE TERRORIST SITUATION! KEY NEIGHBORHOODS WILL BE SUBJECT TO CURFEWS AND PATROLS--



Oh, DOESN'T THAT SOUND FUN?

SELL OUT ESTABLISHMENT "HEROES"! WHO'S SUPPOSED TO LOOK OUT FOR THE GUY IN THE STREET?!



WHO INDEED?

NEW YORK
BOTANICAL
GARDENS.

THE BRONX.

AN AUTOMATED BELOW-
GROUND FACILITY STORAGE
UNDER THE COMMAND OF
THE CONSPIRACY THAT IS
HYDRA.



JOEY...

YOUR
BROTHER WANTED
SO TO BE LIKE YOU,
LESTER... WHEN YOU
LEFT OUR FOLD, HE
BEGGED TO TAKE
YOUR PLACE AS
KILLOBYTE!

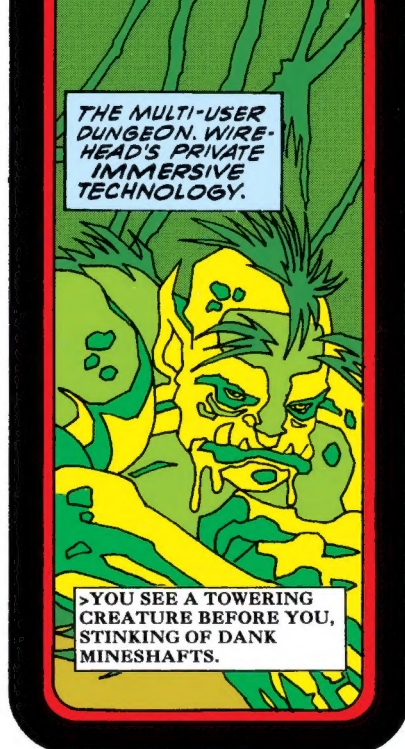
IN A WAY,
YOU'RE RESPON-
SIBLE FOR WHAT
HAPPENED TO
HIM...

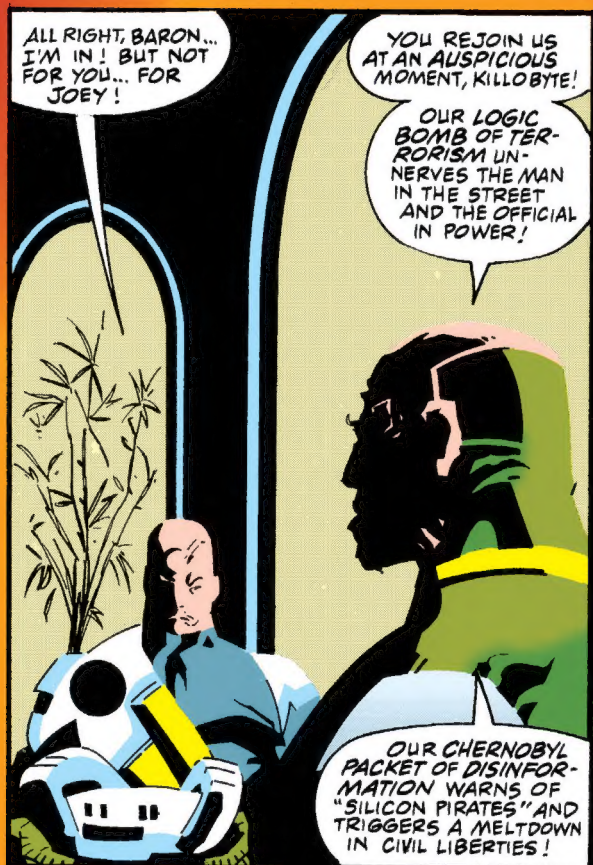
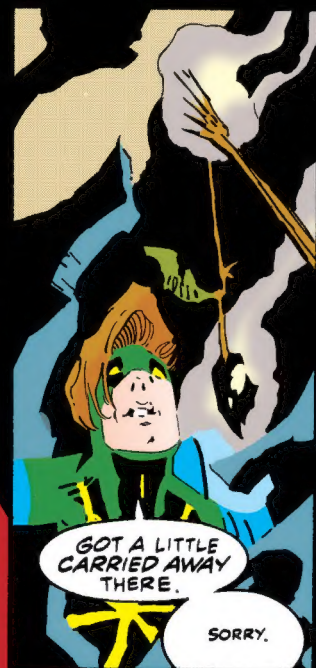
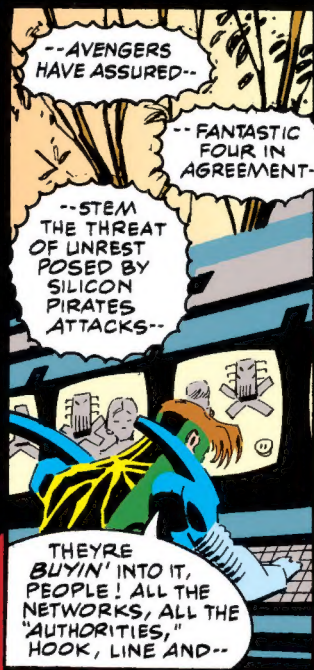
YOU'RE
TRYING TO GET
ME TO SIGN ON
AGAIN, BARON
STRUCKER! TRY-
ING TO MANIP-
ULATE ME--

NO-- I'M TESTING YOU!
TO SEE IF YOU HAVE THE
STRENGTH IT TAKES TO
BE A SURVIVOR!

AND THIS DYSFUNCTIONAL
SYSTEM CRASH ARE SUPPOS-
ED TO BE SURVIVORS?

PERHAPS.
THEY ARE CER-
TAINLY TOOLS OF
ANARCHY BY
WHICH HYDRA
WILL TEST
OTHERS...





"AND IN ALL THE CITY
OF NEW YORK, THERE
WON'T BE A MAN
WITHOUT FEAR..."



NEXT:
GAMBIT...
"DISINFOMOCRACY"!